

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION OF)
ILLINOIS, *et al.*,)

Plaintiffs,)

v.)

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND)
SECURITY and U.S. CUSTOMS AND)
BORDER PROTECTION)

Defendants.)

No. 17 C 2768

Judge Dow

DEFENDANTS’ JANUARY STATUS REPORT

Defendants U.S. Department of Homeland Security and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) respectfully submit this Status Report pursuant to the Court’s Order of November 21, 2017. Defendants report as follows:

1. Between December 1, 2017 and December 31, 2017, CBP assigned the equivalent of 30.5 full-time first and second level reviewers to the review of records potentially responsive to 22 FOIA requests related to Executive Orders 13,769 and 13,780, entitled “Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States,” of which 19 were submitted by various ACLU affiliates, including Plaintiffs. Decl. of Patrick Howard ¶ 6. For purposes of calculating this number, the agency counts any individual reviewer assigned to the review project on a half-time basis as the equivalent of 0.5 full-time reviewers. *Id.*

2. In addition to the time spent by first and second level reviewers, between November 21, 2017 and December 31, 2017, CBP Office of Chief Counsel attorneys spent

approximately 568 hours on the review of records potentially responsive to various FOIA requests related to Executive Orders 13,769 and 13,780. *Id.* ¶ 7.

3. Between November 21, 2017 and December 31, 2017, CBP finalized the processing of 2,338 pages of records related to the four priority custodians in this case. *Id.* ¶ 8.

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